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DRUG TUNNEL KINGPIN SENTENCED

TUCSON, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that William Dillon, (DOB 7-9-1963) of Tucson, Arizona was sentenced by United States District Court Judge John M. Roll to twenty-five (25) years in prison. William Dillon had pled guilty on May 13, 2003.

William Dillon was one of the Kingpins of a drug trafficking organization that transported multi-tons of cocaine from Mexico into the United States through a tunnel located in Naco, Arizona.

There were two seizures of cocaine during the multi-year investigation. In December of 1996, 5.6 tons of cocaine was seized in Tucson and in December 1998 an additional 2,600 pounds of cocaine was seized. In addition to the cocaine seizures, approximately \$1,500,000 in United States currency and three (3) fully-automatic machine guns were seized.

There have been two trials thus far in the case, one lasting four (4) weeks and the other three (3) weeks. All persons were convicted. To date, over forty (40) persons have been convicted and sentenced for their participation in the "NACO Tunnel" case.

The investigation that led to the indictment was conducted by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau

of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, United States Customs and the Arizona Department of Safety.

The prosecution is being handled by James T. Lacey, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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